



# The Charter School East Dulwich



## Newsletter

Thursday 12th October, 2017

### Forthcoming Dates

#### Autumn Term:

5th September—20th December (school closes at 1.10pm on 20th Dec)

Year 7 Activities Week :  
W/C 16th Oct

#### Half term:

23rd Oct—3rd Nov

#### Staff INSET days:

2nd and 3rd Nov

#### Friends of TCSED Quiz:

10th November—more details to follow.

#### Yr 7 Tutor Meetings:

12th December — 4-6pm

#### Yr 8 Trip to British Library:

13th December

#### Enrichment:

Please check our website for the full list, days and times of clubs available.

*\*Please note: Year 8 will finish school at 3:10pm on Thursday 19th October; there will be no PSHE\**

#### **Year 7 Activities Week—W/C 16th October**

Another reminder about Activities Week for Year 7. This will be taking place next week from 16th to 20th October. We ask parents for £50 (£35 for FSM students) contribution towards this week of activities. Payment for Activities Week can be made on [www.ParentPay.com](http://www.ParentPay.com). Please ensure you have paid and returned Bewl Water consent forms to the school by **Friday 13th October**.

On the day, students will leave school by coach, promptly, at **8:30am** and will return to school by approximately **5:30pm**. They will be expected to make their own way home from Southampton Way. Students will need to wear warm, weather appropriate clothing and bring their own food and drink for the day. Those in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. Please see the attached information sheet listing suggested items and clothing to bring, as well as example activities taking place on the day.

Please note that, due to the number of staff supervising the trip, any students not attending Bewl Water will be expected to stay at home and will be provided work through Google Classroom.

#### **Lost Property**

Tomorrow is the last day for students to collect any lost property from the reception area. Any items not collected by end of **Friday 13th October** will be sent to The Friends of Charter School East Dulwich's uniform exchange programme.

#### **Year 8 Mandarin Lessons**

Fewer students are attending Mandarin lessons than was typical last year. We appreciate that this might be because of the longer-than-expected break in lessons caused by our programme of open days. However, we also appreciate that students may feel that their participation in Mandarin unfairly prevents them from taking part in after-school activities taking place at the same time. In order to address this concern, we are proposing to move the Mandarin class to an early morning slot one day a week **7:50 — 8:50am**. Please could parents who would not support such a move contact Ms Pires by email at [office@charterschool.org.uk](mailto:office@charterschool.org.uk).

Students who study Mandarin in Years 7 to 9 will be able to continue their studies to GCSE and beyond. This will make them eligible to take part in our Beijing trip in Year 10.

#### **Year 8 French / Spanish Second Language Classes**

As you may know, we are running second language classes for French and Spanish as part of our extended school day. Studying a second language will give your child the opportunity to have an extra GCSE or to choose which language they want to sit at the end of year 11.

We received positive feedback from parents last year to support our investment in staff and resources for these classes. However, the number of students attending this year does not match the interest we received and, unless an adequate number of students take part in the second language classes, we will have to close them.

Please note that students enrolled on this course will be expected to treat this lesson just as seriously as any other lesson. Requests to change to other after school activities will not be permitted for the rest of this academic year.

Students who do not start a second language in year 8 will not have this opportunity later on in their studies at TCSED. It is therefore crucial that, if you wish your child to study French or Spanish as a second language, you fill out the form included in the link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSca1C\\_bL6eEstQellJ6Unu\\_46S2bi-LI28X2QP2ITl-c8ktSw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSca1C_bL6eEstQellJ6Unu_46S2bi-LI28X2QP2ITl-c8ktSw/viewform?usp=sf_link)